136 centrally protected monuments in Andhra Pradesh. The expenditure incurred on providing watch and ward personnel on these monuments during the last three years arc:—

1999-2000	Rs.
1,83,21,549/-	
2000-2001	Rs.
2,31,84,959/-	
2001-2002	Rs.
2,06,30,502/-	

(Upto January 2002)

(c) No changes are contemplated in 2002-2003.

Master Plan for Hyderabad, Tirupati, Vizag and Nagarjuna

139. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any request from the Government of Andhra Pradesh has been received to share the cost of preparation of master plan for Hyderabad, Tirupati, Vizag and Nagarjuna Sagar and release 50 per cent cost of the consultancy amount;

(b) if so, when such request was received by Government; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to release the amount?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) The Chief Minister, Andhra Pradesh *vide* his letter dated 17.11.1998 had requested the Ministry of Tourism to release 50 per cent of the consultancy expenses incurred by the State Government for preparing macro and micro plans of Tirupati and Hyderabad, project report on micro plans on coastal tourism and perspective tourism plan for Andhra Pradesh.

(c) In view of the limitation of funds at the disposal of the Department of Tourism, the Planning Commission had been requested for special consideration to release additional funds to meet the requirement of the Government of Andhra Pradesh. However, the Planning Commission declined to allocate any additional fund for

this purpose. The State Government has been informed about the above position.

Scam in printing of catalogue of Nizam's exhibition

†140. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a senior officer of the Ministry of Tourism has caused a loss of crores of Rupees to Government for printing of catalogue of Nizam's exhibition in the National Museum;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any action against the officer involved in this scam by conducting an inquiry into the same, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN) (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Desert Triangle Scheme for Kutch District

141. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have forwarded a duly recommended proposal "Desert Triangle", Scheme for Kutch district for a loan/ assistance from Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund (OECF) of Japan;

(b) whether the proposal could not be included in this list submitted to the Government of Japan for OECF loan package of 1997-98;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the same was included thereafter; and

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.